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1. [REDACTED] expressed great anxiety in his letter over the effect German rearmament might have on the attitude the USSR could take toward Finland. He thinks that the USSR might make this an excuse for inimical action.
2. He feels that the present submissive attitude of Kekkonen and of the President, Paasikivi, is the result not only of fear of the USSR but also of the USSR's promises that they will be well taken care of no matter what happens.
3. Kekkonen is so completely subservient to the wishes of the USSR that there is a growing feeling of contempt for him in Finland. Of this he is fearful. Tuomioja has been sent to London to get him out of the way because Kekkonen fears his influence in the coming election.

- 25X1X6 4. [REDACTED] pointed out in his letter that the present plans of the Finnish Government to build a small oil refinery of a capacity of 10 thousand to 15 thousand barrels a day, will not only endanger the interests of US oil companies in Finland, but will increase USSR influence because USSR crude is planned as the basic supply for the refinery. Further, that the refinery as planned which will be supplied by West German firms on long terms of credit, is too small for economical operation and will be a definite drain on the Finnish taxpayer. [REDACTED]

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